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AND THE

Superintending School Committee,

OF THE

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FOR THE

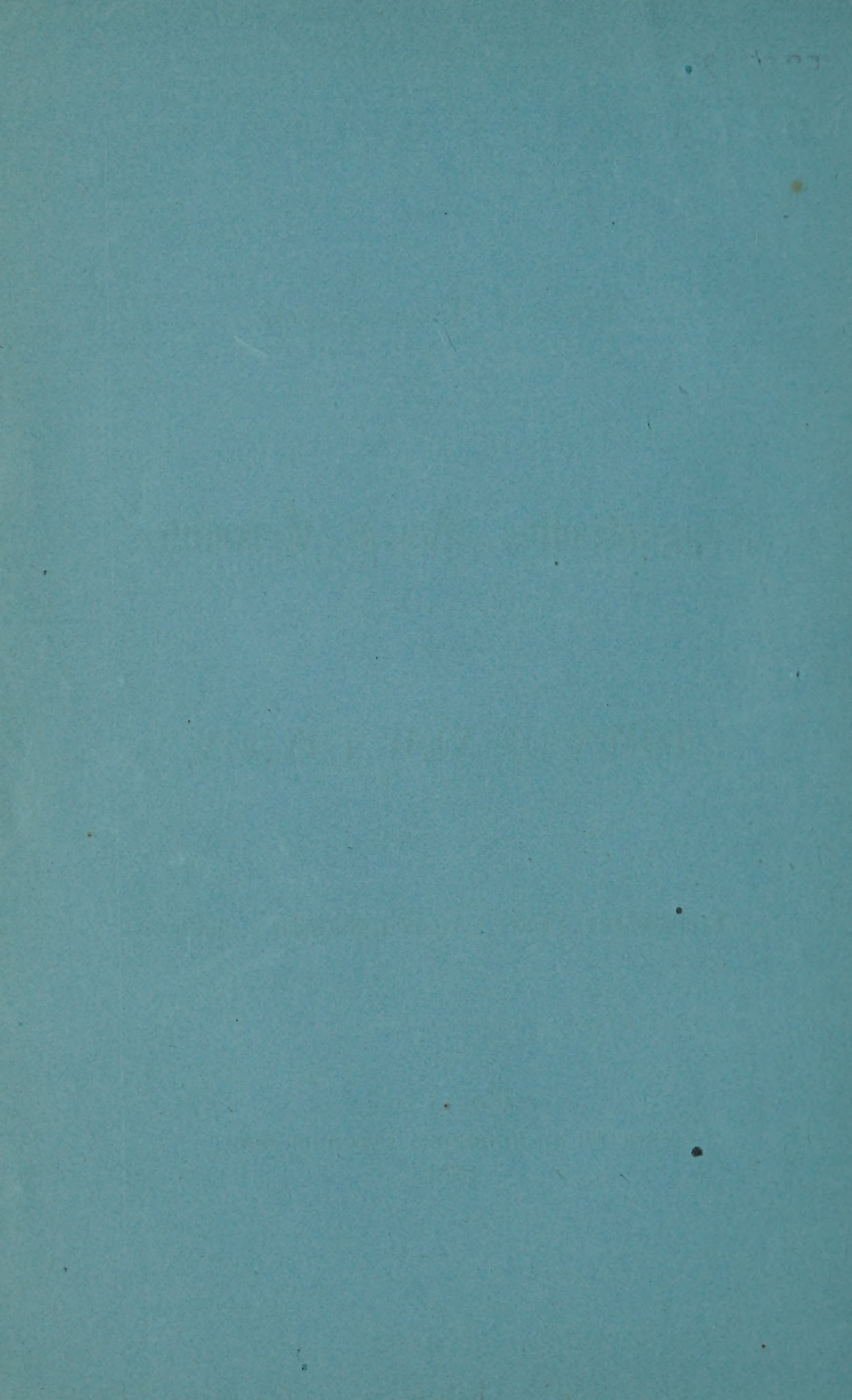
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TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Treasurer charges the town of New London, for the year 1878, as follows :

MINISTERIAL DEPARTMENT.

Paid—N. T. Greenwood, Baptist Society,	\$43 55
“ Otterville Society,	16 10
“ Scytheville Society,	19 75
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	\$79 40

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

Paid—B. C. Davis, District No. 1,	\$126 84
B. M. Stanley, “ 2,	151 48
O. K. Russell, “ 3,	398 38
J. E. H. Shepard, “ 4,	195 34
A. B. Whittier, “ 5,	215 44
A. R. Hunting, “ 6,	105 00
G. W. Sargent, “ 7,	96 02
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	\$1288 50

MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES.

Paid—Woodbury & Batchelder, printing town reports,	\$24 00
Express on town reports,	40
Auditors' bill, March, 1878,	2 00
B. W. Sanborn & Co., invoice, collector, and highway surveyor books,	5 31
E. A. Dean, printing bills,	25

Paid—J. B. Worthen, damage by defective highway,	\$3 00
Recording deed,	50
L. McCutchins, making out deed,	1 00
L. E. Wheeler, door and casings for town hall,	6 60
E. L. Wheeler, paint for town hall,	1 20
A. McNabb, putting in door and other repairs,	5 60
O. K. Russell & Son, nails, glass, &c.,	2 20
I. Moore & Son, door lock,	1 20
J. H. Burpee, for Prescott Jones Post, G. A. R.,	25 00
Morrill & Silsby, warrants,	25
B. W. Sanborn, check lists and warrants,	1 70
N. D. Pingree, land damage,	15 00
G. W. Craft, land damage,	90 00
G. W. Craft, for building new road,	187 00
J. Pressey, surveying town line between Newbury and New London,	1 25
B. Gay, public watering tub,	3 00
R. F. Sargent, public watering tub,	2 50
B. M. Stanley, damage to sheep by dogs,	2 00
Charles S. Whitney, “	1 75
Fred Fowler, “	2 50
Asa N. Todd, “	5 00
M. H. Haskins, “	6 75
Geo. Fisher, “	17 50
Dr. S. M. Whipple, record of births and deaths for the year 1876,	4 50
Dr. S. M. Whipple, record of births and deaths for the year 1877,	4 75
Dr. S. M. Whipple, record of births and deaths for the year 1878,	4 25
Dr. Elkins, record of births and deaths, 1878,	2 50
Frank O. Dow, digging graves and driving hearse,	14 25
Journey and expense to Concord to settle bills,	5 00
L. P. Gould, two journeys and expense to Newbury,	5 25
Cash for stationery, postage stamps, &c.,	5 89
Geo. Woodward, services as town clerk,	10 00

Paid—S. C. Fletcher, services as superintending school committee,	\$31 65
William A. Messer, services as selectman,	36 00
Charles W. Gay, services as selectman,	38 75
Leonard P. Gould, services as selectman, treasurer, and overseer of poor,	97 00
Printing bills,	1 31
C. W. Gay, expense to Concord,	3 30
Henry R. Gates, services as collector in 1877,	39 00
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	\$717 86

Paid—County tax,	\$1356 82
State tax,	1084 00
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	\$2440 82

ROADS AND BRIDGES.

Paid—Levi Sanborn, repairing highway,	\$ 45
O. K. Russell,	1 50
B. W. Thomas,	2 12
A. R. Hunting,	2 00
T. H. Davis,	3 25
J. H. Todd,	5 26
E. A. Todd,	11 25
B. M. Stanley,	11 96
Sanford Fisher, labor planking bridges and putting up railing,	22 36
J. C. Adams, lumber and labor on bridges,	14 42
W. P. Kimball, plank and labor,	4 55
Davis & Blood, lumber for bridge,	27 85
Thomas Law, repairing highway in Dist. No. 2,	46 90
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	\$153 87

BREAKEY ROADS IN WINTER OF 1877-8.

Paid—H. H. Taylor, from N. L. to P. P., winter of 1876-7,	\$29 52
A. E. Preston, Dist. No. 1,	8 00

Paid—T. Law, A. Hastings, H. R. Davis, R. L.

Davis and Ai Worthen, Dist. No. 2,		\$23 41
F. P. Jewett,	" 3,	13 32
E. A. Todd,	" 4,	11 75
W. P. Kimball,	" 5,	13 45
B. M. Stanley,	" 6,	14 30
Fred D. Lull,	" 7,	10 18
Geo. W. Sargent,	" 8,	5 90
James Morgan,	" 9,	12 80
A. Morgan,	" 10,	1 80
Wm. A. Messer,	" 12,	5 50
L. P. Gould,	" 13,	3 15
H. B. Williams,	" 14,	10 00
J. W. Taylor,	" 15,	10 94
A. C. Burpee,	" 16,	14 68
F. W. Todd and J. H. Todd,	" 17,	19 58
E. A. Jones,	" 18,	2 00
Geo. P. Sholes,	" 19,	12 50

\$222 78

TRAMP BILLS IN 1877-78.

Paid—Seth Littlefield, lodging tramps,	\$12 50
N. A. Parker, lodging tramps,	3 00
Joseph Russell, taking care of P. L. Otis, and carrying him to Hopkinton.	10 75
Mark Nelson, lodging tramps, 1878,	2 00
C. W. Gay, "	4 00
L. P. Gould, "	3 00

\$35 25

COUNTY PAUPER CHARGES.

Paid—Supplies furnished M. Ring,	\$111 25
Supplies furnished A. Hunt for B. Saunders,	60 88
J. S. George, board of C. George,	52 00
O. K. Russell & Son, clothing for C. George,	7 84
Dr. S. M. Whipple, as per bill,	11 60

\$243 57

Paid — Seth Littlefield, care of Miss Bartlett, a town charge belonging to Croydon,	\$28 00
Dr. S. M. Whipple, as per bill,	13 25

\$41 25

Paid — Town of Salisbury, supplies furnished for Willie M. Hayes,	\$24 65
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SCHOOL HOUSE TAX.

Paid — J. E. H. Shepard for district No. 4,	\$70 00
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TOWN BONDS AND INTEREST.

Paid — Eugene O'Neil, town bond No. 15,	\$100 00
" " 18,	100 00
Chas. Jewett, " 31,	100 00
J. M. Jewett, " 26,	500 00
Joseph Trussell, " 4,	500 00
Mark Nelson, " 20,	500 00
Mark Nelson, " 22,	100 00
Cash paid coupons,	441 00

\$2341 00

ABATEMENT OF TAXES.

Paid — Frank E. Sargent, poll tax, 1877,	\$1 20
Lewis Fisher, over taxed, "	6 00
A. E. Preston, over taxed, 1878,	1 00
Asa Ray, abated, "	1 00
Solon Cooper, over tax since 1872,	7 53
James M. Jewett, over tax, 1878,	13 84
Gage Woodward, abated, "	2 82
Lewis Fisher, over tax, "	2 82
James Morgan, poll tax, "	1 41
Charles Bennett, poll tax, "	1 41
Mitchell Britton, poll tax, "	1 41
John Blake, abated, "	3 13
Amos Hunt, abated, "	2 30
Charles Knight, poll tax, "	1 41
Frank Lull, "	1 41
John Lescord, "	1 41

Paid — S. Holt & Sons, abated tax, 1877,	\$ 12 00
W. E. Pingree,	8 30
Amos Hunt,	3 16
J. J. Holbrook,	1 20
Jacob White,	3 00
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	\$77 76

RECEIPTS.

Received of—J. E. H. Shepard, note and interest,	\$360 89
James Morgan, interest,	30 00
James Morgan, endorsed on note,	200 00
N. T. Greenwood, cash on collection bond of 1876,	103 80
Cash on tax book of 1876,	82 32
State Treasurer, savings bank tax,	543 34
“ railroad tax,	124 41
“ literary fund,	74 00
Merrimack County for support of paupers,	243 57
John French, interest,	33 54
Henry Gates, collector of 1877,	830 69
Job C. Cross, collector of 1878,	5358 00
Town of Croydon, pauper expense.	41 35
Eli Dodge, cash endorsed on Holt & Sons, note,	56 00
Cash on hand March 1, 1878,	388 16
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	\$8469 97
Town charges brought up,	\$7736 70
Cash on hand March 1, 1879,	733 27
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	\$8469 97

INDEBTEDNESS OF THE TOWN.

Town bonds outstanding,	\$5000 00
Ministerial fund,	1323 33
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	\$6323 33

Means of paying the same :

Cash in the hands of the treasurer,	\$733 27
Due on Collector's bond, 1876,	73 40
Due on Collector's bond, 1877,	9 60
Due on Collector's bond, 1878,	447 33

NOTES.

S. C. Holt & Sons, balance due,	15 40
Charles Crosby,	52 50
Wm. M. & G. W. F. Hayes,	43 80
N. C. Todd, 2d,	59 00
A. R. Hunting and O. K. Russell,	69 56
Austin Goings and James M. Pike,	25 36
John French,	559 00
James Morgan,	318 00
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	\$2406 22

Indebtedness of the town March 1, 1879, \$3917 11

We certify that we have examined the books and accounts of the town treasurer, and find them correctly cast and well vouched.

N. T. GREENWOOD, }
G. M. KNIGHT, } *Auditors.*

All of which is respectfully submitted,

LEONARD P. GOULD,

Treasurer of New London.

SCHOOL REPORT FOR 1878-9.

NEW LONDON, N. H.

STEPHEN C. FLETCHER, Supervisor.

PRUDENTIAL COMMITTEE.

District No. 1—B. R. Davis.

District No. 2—B. Stanley.

District No. 3—O. K. Russell.

District No. 4—J. E. H. Shepard.

District No. 5—A. B. Whittier.

District No. 6—A. R. Hunting.

District No. 7—Geo. W. Sargent.

TEACHERS.

District No. 1—Cora Manahan, Edwin T. Hastings.

District No. 2—Luette Knowlton, H. A. Baker, S. W. Ferguson.

District No. 3—Mattie J. Bickford, F. Parker Smith.

District No. 4—F. Parker Smith, Abby M. Todd.

District No. 5—Sarah J. Baker.

District No. 6—Alma G. Paine, Augusta Colby.

District No. 7—B. Josie Baker, Addie F. Robbins.

No. of pupils enrolled, 204; twice enrolled, 5; from other towns, 4; whole number of different pupils, boys 102, girls 93.

The following scholars are reported as having attended one or two terms without being absent or tardy. If any mistakes are found it is owing to defects in reports:

Henry Kidder, 2,

Hamilton M. Whittier,

Delia M. Goings,

Andrew Kidder, 2,

Ralph W. Preston,

Lucy N. Shepard, 2,

Hermie S. Adams, 2,

Frank M. Stanley,

Ella M. Hunting,
 Olla E. Goings,
 Earl Collins,
 Bert E. Hunting, 2,
 Hattie W. Goings,
 Ervin Messer, 2,
 George A. French, 2,
 Lottie M. Manahan.
 Carl Russell,
 Ada J. French,
 George M. Goings,
 Earnest Williams.
 Jennie A. Smith,
 Alberta M. Knowlton,
 Susie Burpee,
 Clara B. Messer, 2,
 Charles A. Goings,
 Edgar F. Sargent, 2,
 Cora E. Bunker,
 Fred A. Law, 2,
 George G. Morgan, 2,
 Flossie G. Sargent,
 Mary S. Stanley,
 Frank S. Shepard,
 Myrtie K. Messer, 2,
 Mary E. Knowlton, 2,
 John W. Morey,
 Bennie F. Sargent,
 Alice E. Messer, 2,
 Elmer E. Gould,
 Georgie Hayes,
 Elmer M. Messer, 2,
 Alice S. M. Smith,
 Everett H. Messer.

Lucy A. Morgan, 2,
 Everts W. Messer, 2,
 Willie E. Johnson, 2,
 Mary E. Shepard, 2,
 Elmer E. Adams,
 Addie E. Jewett,
 Nellie M. Morey,
 Willie J. Sargent,
 Willie M. Knowlton,
 Charles G. Adams.
 Ransom C. Pingree,
 R. Ellsworth Farwell,
 Harry P. Craft,
 Chester Morgan,
 Herbert J. McFarland,
 Eliza Burpee, 2,
 Herbert E. Parker, 2,
 Minnie Clough, 2,
 Clinton E. Parker, 2,
 Lottie Ellis,
 Addella M. Dickey,
 Bertha Ross, 3,
 Lucy A. Jones, 2,
 Mattie Kidder, 2,
 Ethel M. Johnson, 2,
 Carrie Currier,
 Nettie M. Whittier, 2,
 Fannie Russell,
 George E. Richards,
 Robbie Ross,
 Fred H. Richards,
 Sidney Smith, 2,
 Walter L. Whitney.

At the close of another year, I have the honor to submit a report of the way in which the school fund has been expended, together with a statement of the condition of the schools.

The amount of money appropriated at the last town meeting was \$1288.00; added to this was about \$150.00, board and wood given in several districts—amounting to \$1438.00.

Very much to the surprise of your committee, the practice continued for so many years, of appropriating a portion of the school fund equally among the several districts—the rest *pro rata*—was abandoned, and the whole sum was distributed *pro rata*. The result was that the smaller districts had less money this year than last, while the larger had very much more. Thus those that needed the increase were injured by the change, and those who did not need it were not helped, although a much larger sum was placed at their disposal. My conviction is, that greater good is accomplished by the former amount distributed as in years past, than the larger amount as distributed now. My recommendation is that the present amount be appropriated, and that three-hundred and fifty dollars, at least, be equally distributed, the rest *pro rata*.

All the teachers employed have labored faithfully, honestly, and diligently for the advancement of the schools, and the work done has been of a higher order than the average of past years. Too many of them, however, have no special love for their work, only as a means of gaining money or simply as a stepping-stone to something better. Hence they do not study, do not read educational works, are not growing themselves, and cannot lead and inspire as those who can bring things new as well as old, into their every day teaching. It is a reproachful fact to the teachers and the town that none have attended the Normal School, and few, even Teacher's Institutes. Prudential committees do not fully realize that the success or failure of the school depends largely on their wisdom in selecting teachers; first-class teachers cannot be obtained for third-rate pay.

Some other circumstances have prevented the greatest usefulness of our schools. There has been a lack of harmony in some districts. Unfortunately, personal or sectional variance influences our schools more than it ought, and it is only by the utmost harmony that the greatest good is accomplished. Also, a lack of perfect understanding between parents and teachers. It

is not right, or well, for parents to circulate reports to a teacher's injury, unless they first let the teacher know, by personal information, or through prudential or supervising committee, the faults charged. Again, with very rare exceptions, it is unwise to employ teachers who have recently been pupils in the district where they teach. It is harder for the teacher, and if there be any jealous, evil disposed person in the district, trouble will surely be made, much mischief done, and the usefulness of the school greatly injured.

During the year we have completed the introduction of Harper's geographies, and for three years, at least, it is hoped the same will prove satisfactory to teachers, parents, and pupils. A change in readers is very much to be desired, and Franklin's readers are recommended, both on account of intrinsic merit, and the fact that several of the adjoining towns have already adopted this series.

There is great need of maps, dictionaries, and illustrative apparatus. At the last session of the Legislature, an act was passed authorizing the school officers to purchase a map of New Hampshire. We have been urged by the publishers to do so, but have not deemed it best to purchase, as there are other things much more imperatively demanded. The excellent maps in the special geographies of New England, obviate largely this need. A petition will be circulated asking the next Legislature to authorize the expenditure of the literary fund for the purchase of maps, books and apparatus. If this is granted and wisely expended, it will be of very great advantage to the schools.

DISTRICT No. 1.

Summer term was taught by Miss Cora Manahan. It was the teacher's first term, and although the school was very small was excellent. One class of small scholars made the greatest advancement I have ever seen made by any class in so short a time.

Winter term taught by E. F. Hastings. He did as good work as could be expected with such a variety of pupils. Six or seven different districts and towns came together to form this school.

DISTRICT No. 2.

Miss Knowlton taught the summer and fall terms, and proved an exception to the general rule, that a teacher is not successful at home, and in this school fully maintained her excellent reputation as a teacher.

Winter term, H. Alonzo Baker taught. The examination of this teacher, his success in teaching in other towns, and the appearance of the school when visited at the commencement, promised very great usefulness. The teacher's understanding was perfect, his manner of imparting good. At the end of eight weeks, a division arose about a vacation and the length of the term, and Mr. Baker finding that some were dissatisfied with his management of the school, chose to leave rather than remain to the close of the term. After a vacation of two weeks, Mr. S. W. Ferguson took the school, but as it is still in session no report can at this time be made.

DISTRICT No. 3.

Miss Bickford taught the summer and fall terms, and, though laboring against some unfavorable circumstances, had a good school and her final examinations were the most satisfactory I have ever witnessed in the district.

Winter term. Parker Smith is teaching at the time of submitting my report, with his usual diligence and success.

DISTRICT No. 4.

Mr. Smith taught both the summer and fall terms, to the great advancement of the pupils and satisfaction of the parents, and proved that man can succeed in doing woman's work.

Winter term, Miss Abby Todd, teacher. With larger scholars and a larger school, Miss Todd showed as conclusively that in the school room a woman can do a man's work and deserves equal pay. It has been a profitable year for Low Plain.

DISTRICT No. 5.

Both terms were taught by Mrs. Sarah J. Baker. Her long experience in teaching, her patience and perseverance fit her admirably for this school. It is a hard school on which to make a distinctive mark. It is saying all that need be said, she did the best she could, and no one could do better.

DISTRICT No. 6.

Summer term taught by Miss Alma Paine, a graduate of the Boston High School. This was her first term's work as teacher, and it was very successful. Her methods of teaching are excellent, and with this class of pupils she did all that could be done.

Fall term, Miss Augusta Colby, teacher. She has great excellencies, in devotion to the work, in system, in vivacity, keeping the scholars wide awake, doing a great deal and doing it well, and but for her lack of health, would be as nearly a perfect teacher as can be found for this grade of schools.

DISTRICT No. 7.

Miss Josie Baker taught the summer term and fully maintained the rank of the school and her reputation as a teacher, and the pupils of this district have been greatly favored by receiving for so many terms the instruction of so excellent a teacher.

Winter term, taught by Miss Addie F. Robbins. The school did not suffer by the change of teachers, Miss Robbins being an equally diligent and faithful teacher. Her system was different, and by attention to the teaching of facts and imparting general information, added greatly to the usefulness and success of the school.

Bespeaking for my successor the same patience, courtesy, and helpfulness which you have shown me, with the hope that the schools are none the worse for my supervision, and that the coming year's work may be progressive, I leave in your hands the important work of this office.

STEPHEN C. FLETCHER.

